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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Walter CONARD, et al. :
Serial No.: 10/087,446 : Group Art Unit: N/A
Filed: 03/01/2002 : Examiner: N/A
For: MAIL WEIGHING SYSTEM AND SCALE APPARATUS

**DECLARATION OF MARIBEL BARRON FILED IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

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I, Maribel Barron, to the best of my knowledge and belief, do hereby state as follows:

1. I am an executive assistant with Bell & Howell Company, the company having a proprietary interest in the above-identified patent application.
2. On June 5, 2002, I sent a package containing a copy of the above-identified patent application, a declaration, and an assignment to Daniel Gibbons for review and signature. The package was sent next-day air via Airborne Express with a tracking number of 15524280951.
3. On June 6, 2002, I received an e-mail from Daniel Gibbons who stated that "[i] do not plan on reviewing this or any other documents that B&H sends me until we come to agreement regarding an hourly rate for reviewing these documents." (See Exhibit A)

4. Daniel Gibbons no longer works for Bell & Howell Company. His last day with Bell & Howell was September 10, 1999.
5. Pursuant to Daniel Gibbons' employment agreement, Daniel Gibbons is required to cooperate in the procurement of patents and to execute all documents, make all rightful oaths, etc., and generally do everything lawfully possible to aid Bell & Howell Company to obtain and enjoy patent protection for application(s) directed to subject matter of which Daniel Gibbons is an inventor. Daniel Gibbons is also required to assign all patent rights to Bell & Howell Company. (See Exhibit B)
6. To date, despite my diligent efforts, to have Daniel Gibbons execute the Declaration and Assignment documents, Daniel Gibbons has explicitly refused to sign the papers for this application.
7. I declare that all statements made herein and of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made: punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application or patent issued thereon.

August 20, 2002
Date

Maribel Barron
Signature of Maribel Barron

**DECLARATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MAIL WEIGHING SYSTEM AND SCALE APPARATUS, the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on March 01, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/087,446 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year filed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Prior Provisional Application(s):

Application Number	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s):

Serial No.	Filing Date	Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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